

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
GREAT FALLS DIVISION**

MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL
INFORMATION CENTER, SIERRA
CLUB, WILDEARTH GUARDIANS, and
CITIZENS FOR CLEAN ENERGY,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY,
CHRISTOPER DORRINGTON, in his
official capacity as director of Montana
Department of Environmental Quality, and
DAN WALSH, in his official capacity as
Bureau Chief of the Mining Bureau of the
Montana Department of Environmental
Quality,

Defendants.

CV-23-28-GF-BMM

ORDER

INTRODUCTION

The Court held a telephonic status conference on October 10, 2023. The parties were present. The State of Montana and Westmoreland Rosebud Mining LLC, the parties seeking intervention, were also present. The Court heard the parties' positions regarding the joint motion for a consent decree. (Doc. 24.) A motions hearing is scheduled for Monday, October 16, 2023, in Helena, Montana. (Doc. 26.)

Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED:**

1. The State of Montana and Westmoreland Rosebud Mining LLC may submit provisional briefs concerning the joint motion for a consent decree (Doc. 24) pending the Court's ruling on the parties' motions to intervene. (Doc. 12); (Doc. 18.)
2. The parties may simultaneously submit briefs concerning the joint motion for a consent decree. (Doc. 24.)
3. Such briefs must be submitted before 9:00 AM MST on Monday, October 16, 2023.
4. Such briefs are limited to 15 pages in length.

DATED this 11th day of October 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Brian Morris".

Brian Morris, Chief District Judge
United States District Court